

ported; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned from the export of tea during 1991-92 till January 31, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The production of Tea in Kerala during the last three years was as follows:-

Year	Production(M. Kgs)
1989	53.88
1990*	64 03
1991*	67 11

*Estimated

(b) Indian Teas are exported to U.K., Germany, Russia, Poland, USA, ARE Tunisia, Morocco, Syria, Japan, etc

Exports (Rs. in crores)

	Handloom fabrics & made-ups	Handicrafts items
1989-90	341 85	1008.64
1990-91	407.26	1220.00
1991-92 (April 91-February 92)	609 18	1730.24

(b) and (c). Government have taken a number of steps to maximise export earnings from handlooms and handicraft items during 1991-92 which include sending sales-cum-study teams, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines and distribution of publicity materials, participation in fairs in major markets, grant of export incentives etc. Besides, Handloom Exports Promotion Council, Madras has commenced a

(c) Total export earnings from April 1991 to January, 1992 are estimated at Rs. 1014.30 crores.

Export of Handlooms and Handicrafts

5082. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the value of handlooms and handicrafts exported during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there is a vast scope for increasing the export of these items; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The export of cotton handloom fabrics/made ups and handicraft items during the last three years has been as follows:

programme for upgradation of handloom production facilities mainly for exports in co-ordination with the weavers Service Centres, Directorate of Handloom and other concerned organisations.

Export of Pepper

5083. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pepper exported during the year 1991-92;

(b) the State which produced the maximum quantity; and

(c) whether there is any increase in the export of pepper this year as compared to previous three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): (a) Provisional figures of export of pepper during 1991-92 (April-February) are 13,305 MT valued at Rs. 48.81 crores.

(b) The major pepper producing State is Kerala.

(c) No, Sir, the export of pepper has declined this year as compared to the previous three years due to a number of reasons which include low production and uncertain situation in the erstwhile USSR.

[Translation]

Loan Assistance to Uttar Pradesh

5084. SHRI GAYAPRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the loan assistance provided by the Union Government to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the works/programmes undertaken/implemented with this assistance during each of the above years; and

(c) the areas in the State where such works/programmes are being undertaken/implemented during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI

SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The amounts of loan assistance provided to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years under normal Central assistance, additional Central assistance for externally aided projects and the Hill Areas Development Programmes are as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>
1988-89	593.02
1989-90	725.84
1990-91	902.58

(b) and (c). Assistance to States for financing their Annual Plan outlays and other Area Programmes are provided as Block Loans and Block Grants and are not related to any particular works/programmes.

[English]

Export of Granite

5058. SHRIMATIVASUNDHARAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target set for the export of granite for the year 1991-92 has been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the targets fixed for its export during Eighth Five Year Plan or by 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Exports of Granite and Granite Products are expected to reach Rs. 700 crores by 1994-95 subject to availability of various